**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**OhioMeansJobs Center Committee**

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 9:00 am

**Location:**

 **TMHA**

**Members Present** **Members Absent**

Michael Keys

Arthur Daly or Delegate Amelia Taggart

William Moore delegate Lindsay Hildreth

Dawn Ochman

Russell Sewell

Brian Eskridge delegate Ashley Iannucci

Herbert Caldwell, Jr

**Guests**

Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant

William Turner, WDB Executive Director

Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor

Jenny Carsone, OMJ Coordinator

Chairperson, Michael Keys, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with roll call completed and quorum in attendance.

Mr. Keys requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023 sent via email.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Sewellto approve minutes from the August 8, 2023.

**SECONDED:** Ms. Iannucci

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**MOTION: CARRIED**

Mr. Keys facilitated updates on the agenda topics.

**OWA Workforce Conference 9/21/2023 – 9/22/2023**- Mr. Liogas and Mrs. Barrell reported that the Director’s Association held a Workforce Conference in September in Columbus Ohio. The event was a success with over 200 participants throughout Ohio attending. Mr. Turner, Mr. Liogas, and Mrs. Barrell presented at the conference. OMJ was also able to send 4 additional staff for professional development and networking. Planning has started for next year’s conference.

**Regional Workforce Coalition-** Mr. Turner continues attending the chamber led coalition that focuses on aligning regional workforce resources and address infrastructure issues like repopulation, by attracting talent to our area.

**In Person Workshops-** Mrs. Barrell announced that OMJ is currently offering in-person workshops at the OMJ center.

**ADA / ESL / Special Population-** Mrs. Barrell reported that a proposal for updated ADA equipment has been made to the JFS Director, and is awaiting approval. Ms. Hildreth announced that the State is evaluating the pilot program that offered a kiosk at assigned OMJ Centers specifically for unemployment applicants with limited English proficiency. There has been no determination if the pilot will continue or be implemented statewide.

**One Stop Operators Meeting-** Mrs. Barrell continues to attend One Stop Operators meetings. Various OMJ operators convened to discuss, best practices, policy, and other pertinent information regarding the operations of the OMJ Centers.

**2024 Tentative Board and Committee meeting dates**- Mr. Liogas announced that meeting dates have been set and are tentative until meeting locations can be confirmed.

**Rebranding-** Mrs. Barrell announced that the State of Ohio will be rebranding The OhioMeansJobs Centers. A small allocation has been distributed to assist with the logo transition.

**Open Forum**- Ms. Hildreth announced that another state pilot has been created to place a Customer Service Rep. at the JFS buildings one day a week specifically for unemployment compensation assistance. Ms. Hildreth also mentioned that the HB2 requirement deadlines have been shortened to 4 weeks for resume upload, and 8 weeks for the career profile to be completed (via OMJ.com)… Ms. Hildreth introduced a new state pilot program called the Hope Project which helps Ohioans pursue employment. This program is directed at active and denied UC claimants. This pilot is being administered in areas 1 and 11.

Ms. Iannucci announced that a new program called Accessible Ohio has been implemented in Ohio and have hired 4 regional specialists for the program.

With no more business to discuss, Mr. Keys announced the next WDB meeting will be November 16, 2023 and adjourned the meeting.

**2023 Meeting Schedule:**

Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each quarter @ 9:00 a.m.

**~~February 7, 2023, May 9, 2023, August 8, 2023, November 7, 2023~~**

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant